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FOREIGN LOANS AFFAIR

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1. IN TV INTERVIEW AIRED JULY 10 DR. J.F. CAIRNS, FORMER
DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND LONG-TIME LEFTIST, WAS ASKED,
AMONG OTHER THINGS, WHETHER HE BELIEVED HIS DOWNFALL WAS
DUE TO CONSPIRACY - AN EVIDENT REFERENCE TO ALLEGATIONS
THAT THE CIA WAS INVOLVED IN SOME WAY (REFTEL).

2. IN REPLY TO QUESTION DR. CAIRNS SAID, QTE I DON'T
THINK THERE IS ANYTHING IN IT. I DON'T THINK YOU NEED
A CIA SYNDROME TO EXPLAIN WHAT HAS HAPPENED. I THINK
YOU CAN EXPLAIN IT IN TERMS OF 100 PERCENT AUSTRALIAN-
ISM. A GOOD DEAL OF THIS WAS DIRECTED AT MISS MOROSI.
I THINK IT IS AN AUSTRALIAN REACTION TO WOMEN IN POSI-
TIONS. I THINK WE HAVE A RACIST COMPONENT IN THIS COUN-
TRY. END QTE.

3. COMMENT: CHARGE OF CIA INVOLVEMENT HAS RECEIVED NO
RPT NO FURTHER PUBLICITY SINCE SUBMISSION OF REFTEL, AND
CAIRNS' STATEMENT SHOULD PUT THIS ALLEGATION TO REST.

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